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October 17th, 1917

Lt.-Colonel Vincent Massey,

71 Queen's Park, Toronto.

Dear Colonel Massey:

I am returning to you the list of American Universities. You will observe I have put a query opposite "Clark University". Perhaps you have some special reason for wishing to include it, otherwise I do not see why it should be represented.

I have added at the bottom half a dozen of the leading State Universities. I think that if you have room for these it would be well to have them in, because the future centre of American influence will be in the middle States and our intercourse with them may be greater than it is at present.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

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My dear Sir Robert -

The other day I took occasion to see Dr. John Mott with regard to names to be considered in connection with the appointment of a Secretary for the Y.M.C.A. at the University. I told him that failing a Canadian or someone from this old country an American would be a possible choice & on hearing this he spoke of the Rev. C. W. Gilkey, minister

of the Hyde Park Baptist Church Chicago as a most desirable man. He is quite young, of considerable intellectual power, great magnetism and undoubted administrative ability. He is at present engaged in Y.M.C.A. work at one of the large training camps here. Dr. Moor strongly advised getting him to Toronto in order that he might see the university & so that we could see him. He would apparently leave his work in Chicago with great reluctance & might not consider such a post as we could offer him were it not possible for him to see the place & its great possibilities.

It occurred to me that Dr. Gilkey might be got to preach one of the Convocation Hall sermons. If so his church or the univ. of Chicago would be a sufficient address.

Please let me know if you want me to do anything more in this regard.

With kind regards
Yours sincerely
Vincent Massey

November 26th, 1917

Lieutenant-Colonel V. Massey,

Sedney Farm Hotel,

White Plains, N.Y.

Dear Colonel Massey:

I know Gilkey well; in fact have known him for fifteen years and have a very high regard for him. A few years ago I heard him preach in his own Church in Chicago and I have often tried to get him to come for us and I am glad to say that he is to take one of our sermons, I think it is at the end of February. He would be an admirable man, but I doubt very much whether we could detach him from his present work, but we can talk it over with him when he comes.

I have plans with regard to the layout of the ground in front of Part House, which I want to show you as soon as you are back. I shall not ask Mr. Sproatt to look at them until you have seen them.

I hope that you are enjoying your holiday. Would you let me know when you expect to be back ? As you will realize the tension here is growing fast. The Victory Loan now seems assured. I am informed by the leaders that they will get the three hundred million, but those who know most about the political situation are very anxious about the election. It is to be hoped that the effort of three weeks will safe it. With kind regards to Mrs. Massey, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

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OFFICES OF THE WAR COMMITTEE

Ottawa, February 8th, 1918.

Dear Sir Robert,

I promised you before I left for Ottawa that I would let you know the proportion of the expenses of heating Hart House which should be borne by each of the Military units at present occupying sections of the building.

I have written Mr. Rolph of Messrs. Sproatt and Rolph asking him to let me have these figures at his earliest convenience and when I get them I will send them on at once.

I am sorry for the delay but the work here has been so pressing as to lead me to overlook this matter until now.

With kind regards,

Yours very sincerely,

M.

Vincent Massey

Sir Robert A. Falconer, K.C.M.G., M.A., LL.D.,
President,
University of Toronto,
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PRIVY COUNCIL
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OFFICES OF THE WAR COMMITTEE

Ottawa, March 21st, 1918.

Dear Sir Robert,

You ask me to remind you of the rules governing the organization of Hart House. You will remember that I told you on Sunday that Mr. Moure' had said that these had not yet been passed by the Board of Governors. Copies of the rules had apparently been distributed to certain members of the Board who were unfamiliar with them and, according to Mr. Moure's recollection, it was proposed to deal finally with the matter at a subsequent meeting.

I think it would be useful to have these rules definitely approved by the Board of Governors, as there frequently arise, in connection with the building, questions on which the organization of the building has a bearing.

Yours very sincerely,

Vincent Massey

Sir Robert Falconer,
President,
University of Toronto,
TORONTO, Ontario.

M/J.

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May 8th, 1918

Lt.-Colonel Massey,

Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Colonel Massey:

I have just written to the Minister of Militia in accordance with your suggestion. It seems to me to be certainly very suitable that credit should be given where it is due. I only wish that the spirit that will direct and control it were somewhat more sympathetic to the University.

Needler has just spoken to me about trying to get some money for the Company. I hope they have got good Captains.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

May 29th, 1918

Lt.-Colonel Vincent Massey,

War Committee, Privy Council, Ottawa.

Dear Colonel Massey:

I spoke to Mr. Rowell over the telephone and suggested names which might be placed on the Advisory Committee. The names were Messrs. G. S. Campbell of Halifax and W. D. Lighthall of Montreal; Sir George Carneau, Quebec; Sir John Willison, Dr. C. H. Locke and myself in Toronto; Mr. Dafoe, Editor "Free Press", Winnipeg; George E. McCraney, Saskatoon; S. D. Scott of the "News-Advertiser" Vancouver. Mr. Rowell was to arrange with Mr. Carvell about a representative from New Brunswick, and a member from Alberta was to come up for consideration later. At least I do not think that any one was decided upon for Alberta.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

OFFICES OF THE WAR COMMITTEE

Confidential.

Ottawa, June 6th, 1918.

Dear Sir Robert,

I received your letter giving the suggested names for the Advisory Committee of the War Lecture Bureau. These I have submitted to certain of the Ministers, asking for their concurrence as regards the names of the representatives from their own Provinces. When their replies are all received I fancy that your letter of invitation should be sent out as soon as convenient.

I had a long talk with Mr. Frank Yeigh yesterday. He seems to be doing very effective service in organizing the work of the Bureau throughout the country. His work, I feel, between ourselves, should be confined to these functions. The work of the organizer should, I think be quite distinct from that of secretary, whose functions should be to control the central office of the War Lecture Bureau, which incidentally should be at Ottawa, and to edit the weekly bulletin. This comprises, more or less, the functions which would have been performed by Dr. Locke, had he complied with our request. To my mind considerable difficulty arises at present from the fact that Yeigh is attempting to do too much. As a travelling organizer he would work very well under a Director such as Dr. Locke but as an administrator he is a bit vague and as an editor he is apt to lack judgment.

I think we have arranged a fairly good working basis for the Summer. My relation to the Bureau is very vaguely defined, which is a great advantage in preventing friction. Generally speaking, I am acting as supervising editor* of the War Lecture Bureau Bulletin and I am ~~managing~~ arranging to handle the bulk of the correspondence. My hope is to erect skeleton machinery during the Summer which can be handed over in operation to the Director of the War Lecture Bureau should he be appointed in the Autumn.

* in place of a man in Mr. Nicholls' office named by Sweny

As regards the Advisory Committee, Yeigh is anxious to get into personal touch with the three Western men who were suggested as members in your letter. Their appointments are approved by the Ministers concerned with the exception of Mr. McCraney of Saskatoon who we might assume to be eligible in the absence of Mr. Calder, who is not here to give his opinion. I think that a letter from you should go to these men before Yeigh sees them but it may be advisable for him to meet them after they have received your invitation in order that he may give them further information as to the work of the Bureau. He took with him last night a certain amount of explanatory material. No doubt he will discuss this with you. Would you mind letting me have a copy of the letter that you write to these prospective members of the Advisory Committee in order that ~~they~~ it may be placed in our files here.

During the Summer months I should imagine that we could not hope for a very great amount of activity amongst the corps of speakers working for the Bureau. Would it meet with your approval to send out the Bulletin every fortnight instead of weekly, as we are trying to do at present. It seems to me that it would be a wise course.

There are a number of other matters which I wish to discuss with you but these can wait until I see you in Toronto. In the mean time I should be grateful if you would let me know when, during the next few weeks, you propose to be at the University in order that I may arrange a visit to Toronto to synchronize with your presence there.

With kindest regards,

M.

Yours sincerely,

Vincent Massey

Sir Robert Falconer, K.C.M.G.,
TORONTO.

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June 14th, 1918

Colonel Vincent Massey,

Offices of the War Committee,

Ottawa.

Dear Colonel Massey:

A letter has come to the President from the Offices of the War Committee and I infer it is from you. If so, I write to tell you that Sir Robert asked that nothing be forwarded to him, as he will not be at the Post Office in Huntsville, and he returns to Toronto for Friday, June 21st.

Yours very truly,

President's Secretary.

June 24th, 1918

Lt.-Colonel Vincent Massey,

Office of War Committee,

Ottawa.

My dear Colonel Massey:

I am sending you a copy of the letters that I am now issuing to various gentlemen whom I am asking to become members of the Advisory Committee. I hope that by the wayinwhich I have worded it any danger would be obviated with regard to this not being a committee appointed at the request of the Government.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

June 25th, 1918

Colonel Vincent Massey,

Ottawa.

Dear Colonel Massey:

I overlooked making a choice which you asked of a member for Alberta. After consultation with Sir Herbert Ames I should think that probably Mr. John Blue of Edmonton would be the best man to action our Committee. Would you consult Mr. Sifton with regard to it ?

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

June 29th, 1918

Colonel Vincent Massey,

War Committee,

Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Colonel Massey:

I am sending you a letter which came to me to-day. I assume that you know that Sir John Willison's name should go on that Committee, and whatever name the Hon. A. K. Maclean decides upon with regard to Nova Scotia.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.